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Sir:

Pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month (from August 11, 2003 to September 21, 20031 within which to respond to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003 is requested. Applicants are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 for the required fees of \$55.00.

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